

REMARKS

In the Official Action of February 22, 2007 the Examiner rejected all the claims on the Hancock patent publication as lacking novelty under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) or as obvious over that reference in view of Pena U.S. Patent 6,704,039 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

The specification as originally filed specifically acknowledged the Hancock patent publication (Page 2). The system therein described is based on information relating to the interest, traits, needs, and particularly the locations of the subscribers. In sharp contrast, the method and system of the present invention are based on specific events that have occurred, or are to occur, at a particular time and location and participated, or to be participated, by a plurality of persons including subscribers to the event-based communication system.

The system described in Hancock is a subscriber-oriented system. That is, to be fully effective, each subscriber must continuously update the system with respect to all changes in location of the subscriber so that he or she can easily located whenever another subscriber desires to make contact. For each subscriber to continuously update the system as to all changes in locations by the subscriber is a formidable burden, and it is doubtful such a burden would be undertaken, or maintained, by many subscribers, thereby defeating the purpose of the system.

On the other hand, the method and system of the present invention is an event-oriented system. That is, to be fully effective, the system sets forth the specific events or happenings to occur at particular times and locations, such as conferences, parties, etc.; and each subscriber only needs to inform the system as to whether that particular

subscriber plans to participate. Thus, the burden imposed on each subscriber, for the system to be fully effective, is considerably less than subscriber-oriented system described in Hancock.

Moreover, the system and method of the present invention introduce a particular parameter, namely an event or happening that has occurred or is yet to occur in the "matching" mechanism, thereby providing a more effective "matching" mechanism to help each subscriber "meet" someone he or she has already known by sight, or by name, or by any one of other identification parameters.

Pena U.S. Patent 6,704,039, relied upon as a secondary reference in combination with Hancock under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), relates to a method and system for computer-aided telecommunication and financial transactions, and is therefore even less relevant to the invention of the present application.

All the independent claims have been amended in the above respects to more clearly define the invention of the present application and to more sharply distinguish it over Hancock. In addition, Claim 27 has been amended to correct the informality noted by the Examiner.

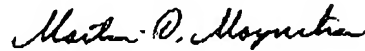
The specification has been amended merely to provide clear antecedent terminology for the language used in the claims.

In making the amendments to the specification and to the claims, care was exercised not to introduce any new matter not expressly or non-ambiguously inherent in the original description. For example, the definition of the event as being one that has occurred, or is to occur, at a particular time and location is clearly described in the specification, e.g., Page 13, lines 10-19, and Page 15, lines 18-21.

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In view of the foregoing, it is believed this application is now in condition for allowance, and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Petition for extension (2 months)